

# The NEWSETTE

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**Dr. L. David Cowie**  
**To Speak at Commencement**

Highly recommended as a friend and counselor of youth, Dr. L. David Cowie is to give the Commencement address for the Class of 1945. He is pastor of the large Linwood Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Missouri, but he finds time to give many stirring messages before large gatherings of young people.

Dr. Cowie has a very pleasing personality, dynamic delivery, and one message — Jesus Christ. His theme will be "Proving God's Will."

The graduation exercises are scheduled to be held in the University Chapel at 10:30 A.M., on Wednesday, June 6th.

## GOD'S GUIDANCE

Even in decisions of a purely business nature, God is most present and real to those of His children who are seeking only to glorify Him by doing His Will. One way by which God guides us is in providential circumstances.

I was prepared for a sudden change in our plans on Wednesday by a careful study of the second chapter of Matthew on the previous Sunday. In this "Christmas" lesson I noted two things most definitely.

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## We Bought Nothing . . .

The letter sent recently to nearly everyone on the Newsette mailing list, has already informed our constituency of the fact that not a single government building was purchased for the University at the Watts Bar Auction. We had expected to pay more than we did a year ago when we purchased a dormitory building at a bargain. We did do some bidding, but on an average the buildings sold at twice the value we had figured them worth.

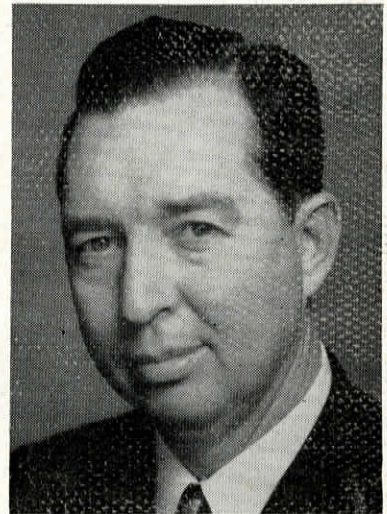
Most materials involved are procurable with our priority rating. We had carefully tabulated all of the materials to be salvaged from the buildings. We know by experience the cost of salvaging and transporting such materials. We are positive that we can buy new materials at lower prices and the unprocurable items will soon be available.

One incentive to bid higher than we had figured on paying for the buildings was to keep faith with our contributing friends who had expected us to buy some of the buildings. We were willing to sacrifice our own time and energy to keep faith with those who had contributed in good faith. But the prices paid were so definitely out of line that we had no hesitation in deciding that we could best keep faith with our friends by holding on to the money that they had given. We had the money to buy three or four of the buildings, even at inflated prices, but we did not buy a single one.

## PUSH CONSTRUCTION ON THE MAIN BUILDING

By dismissing from mind the plans for salvaging and utilizing the materials from the buildings which we had hoped to purchase at Watts Bar, we were surprised to find how easily plans took shape for pushing the construction of the next unit on the main memorial build

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**Rev. Joe Parsons is**  
**Baccalaureate Speaker**

Speaker for the Baccalaureate service of the Twelfth Annual Commencement of the William Jennings Bryan University is to be the Reverend Joe Parsons, Pastor of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church of Chattanooga. He and his ministry were first brought to our attention by Dr. Harris H. Gregg, late Professor of Bible. Dr. Gregg deeply loved him and his simple, searching gospel message. Dr. Gregg sensed that here was a Bible teacher who had sat at the feet of Jesus.

The Baccalaureate service is to be held in the Rhea High School auditorium at 3 P.M., Sunday afternoon, June 3rd.

## THE UNIT-PLAN OF CONSTRUCTION

The June Newsette will show two floor plans, showing the 30,000 sq. ft. of floor space that has been enclosed and is now utilized in the main memorial building. Well do we remember when only 1600 feet was enclosed and used. A godly man, experienced in the ways of the Lord, advised us to spend the \$204.00 Building Fund on the enclosure of "one room," reporting the progress

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## God Above All

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### FORMER NEWSETTE EDITOR WRITES:

"After the war there will be no small colleges unless they are government subsidized. This is the challenge that was thrown out tonight as I was discussing the post-war education situation with two Army men.

"I am personally convinced of the place of the small college, especially the Christian college; which must necessarily be small, for the Christian element of the world is in the minority. I have every confidence in Bryan University, and I hope we never see the day that it will become a huge production-line type of educational machine or a Federal subsidized small institution.

"I know that God is blessing every effort there, and I am looking forward to the time when I can again see Bryan Hill. You have some idea from letters from other servicemen, I'm sure, just how much it has meant to us to have been to Bryan. I know that under the present administration we can count on it as being the same grand family as when we left May God's richest blessings be yours as you continue in His service.

"Sincerely yours in Christ,  
"Virgil P. Sorge."

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### GOD'S SCALE OF GIVING

The Patriarchs gave a tenth (Gen. 14:20).

Israel gave Tithes (Lev. 27:30).

Zachaeus gave one half (Luke 19:8).

Rule for *The Church*—"As God hath prospered"—(I Cor. 16:2).

The Macedonians gave "beyond their power." (II Cor. 8:3.)

The widow gave "all her living." (Mark 12:44.)

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

### FOUR LONG YEARS

September, 1941. On a hot, dusty day—no breezes, no familiar faces—no knowledge of what lay ahead of us, thirty-two scared and ignorant Freshmen entered into the intriguing college life of Bryan University. We were prepared for anything and our preparation stood us in good stead as the diligent Sophomores "put us through" that week of "initiation." Apparent through all the fun and hilarity was the sincerity of faculty and students alike in their desire to please the Lord who had made possible this Christian education. And very shortly we became an intrinsic part of the Bryan family. Well do we remember those first few months of adjustment to college rules and studies, those hikes and parties, the frequent trips up to the ever-popular "Gulch," those Sunday afternoon Vesper services, and the class prayer-meetings—memories which will always live in our minds and hearts.

December, 1941. Pearl Harbor, and our country entered war. Up on top of quiet Bryan hill, the students of Bryan were conscious of the change and sacrifices which were looming up in the dim future.

September, 1942. Our worthy class of thirty-two was cut directly in half, and sixteen Sophomores anxious for another year of fun, fellowship and study, walked down the corridors of Bryan University to register. This year, during the months of school three of our number left, totaling eleven of our men in the Armed Service of our country. David Kerr is occupied in the European theater of war; Blake Ingraham and Orion Cook are in the Pacific area. Bob Harper, Kenneth Kennard, Bill Toliver, Roy Grote, and George Birch are still in the United States. It has been hard to see our fellows go but we continue to hold them before the throne of grace that they may not only be soldiers of Uncle Sam, but loyal "soldiers of the Cross." And it was in this, our Sophomore year, that we completed our Prayer-room, which with the help of our sponsor, Miss Fay, we had commenced when we were Freshmen.

September, 1943. Four young men and seven young ladies comprised our Junior class. Two of these, Forest Lance and Bethel Smith, were new to us, but proved throughout the year to be most talented and helpful in the never-ending work of the Juniors. From trying to catch the Seniors when they "sneaked," and then en-

tertaining the Seniors with a banquet, to putting out the 1944 Commoner, we Juniors kept increasingly busy. In the long, hard hours spent on the annual, and the fun and relaxation of our frequent hikes and parties, we were united together in the real bonds of Christian fellowship. It was this year, also, that Mr. and Mrs. Fish became our sponsors and they have continued with their help and inspiration.

September, 1944. The old adage, "It isn't quantity, but quality that counts," still holds true and our diminished class of seven girls and one lonely boy, starts in for the last lap of our college journey. Forest Lance, Sumner Wemp, and Ward Tressler are enrolled in various Seminaries. Joyce Brubaker could not return because of illness. Bethel Smith is also gone, and in their place we have our twins, Beatrice and Dorothy Morgan. This year has been full and we are realizing more and more each day that our years of peace and study on this "mountain top" are drawing rapidly to a close. With our motto, "To know Him, and to make Him known" ever before us, we are endeavoring to grasp the opportunities here which will fit us for our work for Him in the future.

And for our classmates who have scattered and gone during these years, we think and pray often. Of Jean Clark, now in the Nurses' Corps; of Constance Morgan and her violin, now at school in Chattanooga; of June Kramer, serving the Lord in the Hebrew Mission of Cleveland; of June Lykens, way up in Altoona, Penna.; and of the many other classmates we are thinking, and wishing that each one could have remained to get his degree. As we, the Senior Class of 1945, prepare to leave this University, we are reluctant to leave behind us these four years, and yet we are anxious and eager to be out serving the Lord wherever He has called us.

—Gwen Hay.

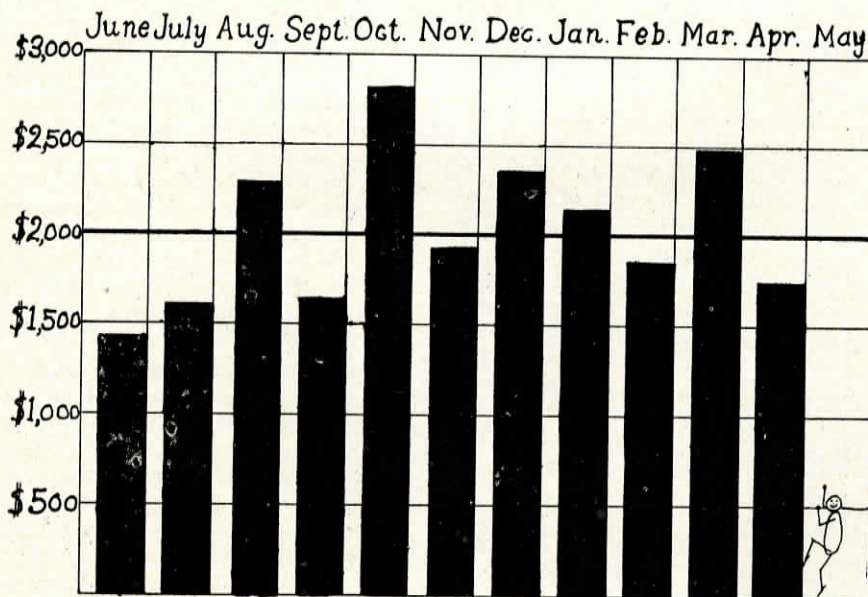
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"Am just thinking now of Daniel 12:3: 'And they that be wise' . . . A fine old German Christian lady, who was an inspiration to me, told me when I quoted this verse, that her German translation was 'And they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.' So teachers of Truth—Cheer up."



## April Gift Receipts

1852	10.00	1896	1.00	1940	5.00	1984	1.00	2028	10.00	2072	10.00
1853	15.00	1897	5.00	1941	1.00	1985	5.00	2029	1.00	2073	3.00
1854	3.00	1898	1.00	1942	25.00	1986	1.00	2030	1.00	2074	5.00
1855	5.00	1899	15.00	1943	5.00	1987	2.00	2031	1.00	2075	5.00
1856	25.00	1900	20.00	1944	5.00	1988	3.00	2032	1.00	2076	1.00
1857	3.00	1901	1.00	1945	5.00	1989	2.00	2033	2.00	2077	2.00
1858	19.11	1902	10.00	1946	15.00	1990	1.00	2034	2.00	2078	1.00
1859	2.00	1903	10.00	1947	5.00	1991	1.00	2035	5.00	2079	5.00
1860	1.00	1904	2.00	1948	10.00	1992	5.00	2036	1.00	2080	1.00
1861	10.00	1905	5.00	1949	25.00	1993	10.00	2037	1.00	2081	1.00
1862	5.00	1906	10.00	1950	5.00	1994	5.00	2038	1.00	2082	10.00
1863	10.00	1907	2.00	1951	2.00	1995	1.00	2039	1.00	2083	2.00
1864	1.00	1908	5.00	1952	5.00	1996	15.00	2040	2.00	2084	2.00
1865	15.00	1909	35.00	1953	3.00	1997	1.00	2041	1.00	2085	1.00
1866	5.00	1910	5.00	1954	10.00	1998	5.00	2042	1.00	2086	10.00
1867	2.00	1911	3.00	1955	3.00	1999	15.00	2043	1.00	2087	10.00
1868	100.00	1912	25.00	1956	10.00	2000	2.00	2044	1.00	2088	1.00
1869	3.00	1913	2.00	1957	1.00	2001	10.00	2045	1.00	2089	2.00
1870	5.00	1914	2.00	1958	5.00	2002	25.00	2046	2.00	2090	50.00
1871	5.00	1915	1.00	1959	10.00	2003	10.00	2047	.80	2091	5.00
1872	5.00	1916	1.00	1960	3.00	2004	5.00	2048	5.00	2092	50.00
1873	3.00	1917	2.00	1961	5.00	2005	1.00	2049	2.00	2093	2.00
1874	25.00	1918	10.00	1962	10.00	2006	1.00	2050	5.00	2094	10.00
1875	2.00	1919	2.00	1963	20.00	2007	5.00	2051	25.00	2095	50.00
1876	40.00	1920	10.00	1964	2.00	2008	10.00	2052	5.25	2096	3.00
1877	1.00	1921	3.00	1965	1.00	2009	1.00	2053	5.00	2097	10.00
1878	25.00	1922	3.00	1966	5.00	2010	5.00	2054	2.00	2098	1.00
1879	3.00	1923	20.00	1967	1.00	2011	1.00	2055	25.00	2099	10.00
1880	10.00	1924	1.00	1968	1.00	2012	1.00	2056	1.00	2100	3.00
1881	5.00	1925	20.00	1969	1.00	2013	1.00	2057	2.00	2101	10.00
1882	20.00	1926	2.00	1970	1.00	2014	10.00	2058	1.00	2102	5.00
1883	25.00	1927	2.00	1971	1.00	2015	5.00	2059	1.00	2103	1.00
1884	5.00	1928	3.00	1972	2.00	2016	1.00	2060	5.00	2104	1.00
1885	2.00	1929	10.00	1973	2.00	2017	1.00	2061	1.00	2105	1.00
1886	5.00	1930	2.00	1974	1.00	2018	10.00	2062	5.00	2106	1.00
1887	5.00	1931	5.00	1975	1.00	2019	1.00	2063	5.00	2107	2.00
1888	5.00	1932	15.00	1976	5.00	2020	2.00	2064	5.00	2108	1.00
1889	5.00	1933	5.00	1977	1.00	2021	1.00	2065	1.00	2109	5.00
1890	1.00	1934	5.00	1978	1.00	2022	25.00	2066	1.00	2110	1.00
1891	1.00	1935	1.00	1979	5.00	2023	10.00	2067	2.00	2111	1.00
1892	1.00	1936	1.00	1980	2.00	2024	35.00	2068	1.00	2112	1.00
1893	1.00	1937	15.00	1981	5.00	2025	10.00	2069	3.00	2113	1.00
1894	10.00	1938	5.00	1982	1.00	2026	10.00	2070	2.00	2114	1.00
1895	10.00	1939	2.00	1983	2.00	2027	5.00	2071	10.00	Total	\$1,730.16



TOTAL TO DATE ..... \$22,141.89

### Sam's Summary

Dear Folks:

Eleven down and one to go . . . Of course I'm glad that so many of my friends have given generously to the Building Fund, and that construction is to go on. But, in this one month of May, ending the fiscal year, I am most anxious to report to President Rudd such a boost in the General Fund that he will be made exceedingly happy. It is you who can make it possible.

Faithfully yours,

*Sam*



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Warned of God in a dream, the wise men departed into their country "another way." The Angel of the Lord gave Joseph a message in Egypt which "started" him on the return to the land of Israel. After Joseph returned to Israel providential circumstances and a warning from God in a dream lead him to "turn aside" into Galilee and Nazareth, in exact fulfillment of prophecy. On Sunday afternoon I was sure that God led us to START something and that He was about to TURN US ASIDE. I confided this to a friend in Chattanooga Sunday afternoon. Now I am fully convinced that God led us to push the building fund. Now He wants it used in another way than we originally intended.

—President Rudd

## GIFTS NEEDED

### BEFORE MAY 31st

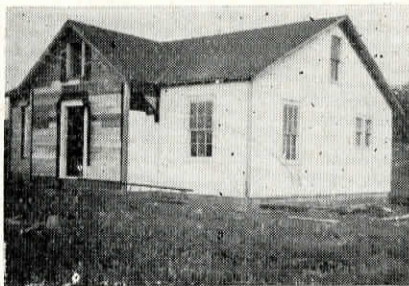
To count in this fiscal year ending May 31, 1945, gifts must be received on or before the last day of the current month. As will be seen from the report of gift receipts, only a little more than \$22,000 of the \$25,000 gift budget for operating expenses and salaries has been received during the first eleven months of the year.

Nearly \$3,000 of this has been transferred from the regular gift income to the Building Fund, so it will take generous giving (\$6,000) on the part of our friends to make our net gift income reach the \$25,000 goal.

## THE CHALLENGE

We, the following, each agree to put \$200.00 into the Bryan University Building Fund during 1945, provided that at least twenty others (\$4,200.00 total) contribute the same amount to the Fund.

H. H. Rhule  
E. Van Deusen  
F. E. Robinson  
Maj. D. W. Ryther  
H. E. Eavey  
R. R. Beasley  
J. H. Pace  
C. H. Dentler  
J. Wesley McKinney  
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Miss Helen Walcott  
Mrs. Effie Stover  
Wm. Seibert Houck  
D. B. Eastep and Church  
Roy McDonald



## Faculty Home Nears Completion

### Building Fund Report

(Through April 30th)

Balance (April 1st) .....	\$3,038.52
Receipts: Nos. 76-83 .....	\$2,395.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$5,493.52</b>
Less: Expenditures .....	\$ 218.57
<b>BALANCE (on hand)</b> .....	<b>\$5,274.95</b>

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ing. A survey of the lumber still remaining from the dormitory purchased last summer at Watts Bar convinced us that we have the most essential material for portable concrete forms, to be used on construction of the main building, as well as material for another house or two. We thanked God.

As we thought of the amount of money in the Building Fund available to "start" construction on another unit of the memorial building, we remembered that it was several times the \$1,000 fund available to start construction on the unit which was undertaken in 1933. We thanked God.

Then we remembered that it was only recently that God gave us a specific but simple "unit-plan" for completion of the rest of the main memorial building. All along we had known that a unit-plan was best, but there were certain difficulties which seemed to be inherent and unsurmountable. Then at last God showed us how to deal with these difficulties. Praise the Lord.

The fact that we have a building in process of construction should be a helpful factor in securing government approval for the project. The fact that we have some materials on hand should be an additional help. The fact that most of the construction materials are no longer considered critical should assure approval of our plans. Praise the Lord.

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to our friends. They would respond, he said, with additional money and the procedure would be repeated until the entire ground floor was enclosed and utilized. The plan is essentially a step by step walk of faith with God, neither ahead of Him nor lagging behind Him. The wisdom of the plan has been proved and now we have nearly half of the second floor also in use. We have demonstrated the Unit-Plan of Construction Progress and how God honors the faith of those who will START doing His will.

Further progress, under the Unit-Plan, depends upon establishing feasible units for future construction. The Unit-Plan demands less money at a given time. For the sake of appearance and a minimum disruption of regular school work we must have units small enough to complete in a few months, and at most not more than a year. On the other hand actual construction must be in harmony with the plans for a building to be completed perhaps some years later. Then, because of constant improvement in building methods and materials we should allow for the maximum flexibility in the plans for the entire building.

Under the simple and practical Unit-Plan for further construction on the main memorial building, construction of the 60-foot center or tower section is to be left until last, giving us the 186-foot end sections (with reversed floor plans) as two separate buildings on which to work. A temporary porch or patio in the middle or tower section will improve appearances and definitely divide the building into two buildings. Then it will not be so necessary for the two ends to match each other in appearance. A construction unit will be a floor level on one of the 186-foot sections or buildings, the concrete poured for the third floor will serve temporarily as the roof of the second floor, etc., Thus a maximum of present construction will be a part of the final permanent construction. It will not be necessary to decide now how many floors there will be in the complete building. Final plans for the tower section and the roof over the completed building can be left until the time when we are ready to construct them. Thus this unit-plan is a plan which provides for the present and allows for the maximum in necessary changes in the future.

Bryan University